

STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of September 9, 2008
Department of Human Services
Salt Lake City, Utah
1:00 pm

Attended:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair
Paula Bell, Vice Chair
Jolene Meredith
Lou Callister

Nora B Stephens
Dr. James Ashworth

Excused:

Darryl Wagner

Staff:

Mark Payne
Ron Stromberg
Brent Kelsey

Dallas Earnshaw
Jan Fryer

Guests:

Harold Morrill
Lien Nguyen

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| Welcome and Introductions | Dr. Crookston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. | |
| Approval of August 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes | Nora B noted a typographical error in the August 12 th minutes. | Lou moved that the minutes of the August 12 th Board meeting be approved as corrected. Motion seconded by Paula and approved unanimously. |
| Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network (UBHN) Report | <p>Harold Morrill updated the Board on activities within UBHN. He introduced Lien Nguyen who has been hired as the Administrative Assistant for UBHN. He reported that Brian Whipple has been named as the permanent Director of Central Utah Counseling and that Brian has worked at the Center for a number of years in other capacities. Harold expressed appreciation to the Board and Division staff for providing UBHN the opportunity to review and provide their input to the administrative rule governing fees.</p> <p>Harold reported that the UBHN Board and the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) has provided a written response to the recent Legislative Audit of Davis Behavioral Health and copies have been distributed to the Chairs of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, Appropriations Sub-Committee and Executive Appropriations Committee. The response was briefly reviewed with the Board.</p> <p>Harold reported that UBHN has been working with the Division and the Department on legislative priorities for the upcoming session. He indicated that the building blocks which UBHN has agreed to support include Drug Courts, Health Care Reform and Mental Health Courts. He noted that UBHN will also be tracking the preferred drug list bill and possible further amendments to the controlled substances bill from last year. Harold indicated that UBHN is working closely with UAC to keep substance abuse and mental health issues on the forefront.</p> | FYI. |
| Utah State Hospital Report | <p>Dallas Earnshaw updated the Board on staffing issues at the State Hospital and reported that the Board certified pediatric child specialist has resigned, a new psychiatrist has been hired, and that there is continued progress with nursing recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Dallas reported that he recently attended the annual Western States Hospital Association meetings where issues and problems significant to State Hospitals were discussed. He</p> | FYI. |

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| State Hospital Report (continued) | <p>reported that other than the ongoing issues with privatization, Utah is doing very well. He noted that privatization is becoming an issue for other states as well, and therefore, there was a lot of interest at the meetings relative to what is occurring in Utah with privatization.</p> <p>Dallas noted that they are moving ahead with the building request for the new pediatric complex and reported on what is happening in some of the other western states relative to pediatric inpatient beds and the challenges they are facing. He reported that some state hospitals are increasing their bed capacity or building new facilities while others are downsizing and that there appears to be challenges on both sides. Dallas updated the Board on the census for the pediatric units at the State Hospital and indicated that one area of concern is on the girl's adolescent unit where currently, only seven out of 26 beds are occupied. He indicated that the Executive Team is currently meeting to look at internal organizational issues and to address one of the questions in the Legislative Audit of the State Hospital as to whether or not adolescent bed capacity should be reduced.</p> <p>Dallas reported that although the State Hospital did receive full accreditation from the Joint Commission from their visit earlier in the year, there were four minor areas identified that required a plan of correction. The Hospital is working to complete this plan and will submit it within the specified timeframe.</p> <p>Dallas announced that the open house for the Hospital's new Historical Museum will be held on September 16th and noted that Board members would receive a formal invitation to attend.</p> | |
| Report from Nominating Committee and Election of new Officers | <p>A report was not available from the Nominating Committee, and further discussion occurred regarding the election process for new Board officers. Lou suggested waiting until the Board has received word from the Governor's office regarding reappointments and appointments to the Board prior to electing new officers. Mark indicated that as follow-up to last month's Board meeting, a letter was sent to the Department's Executive Director's Office (EDO) recommending the reappointments of Dr. Crookston and Joleen Meredith to the Board. Word has been received that the EDO office has recommended these reappointments to the Governor's office; however, information has not yet been received regarding a decision. Mark did note that Board members can continue to serve for three months following the expiration of their terms. There was discussion among the Board about how to proceed.</p> | <p>Dr. Ashworth moved that the election of new officers be tabled until next month's Board meeting pending information being received from the Governor's office regarding reappointments and new appointments. Motion seconded by Lou and approved unanimously.</p> |
| Technical Assistance on Funding Formulas | <p>Brent Kelsey reported that progress has been made over the past month with obtaining technical assistance for the purpose of addressing issues with the funding formula. He recalled that a technical assistance request was submitted to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to assist in, 1) determining a logical way to calculate the incidence and prevalence data, 2) to address issues related to the impact of the rural and urban areas with the current funding formula, and 3) to review all funding allocated in the state for substance abuse treatment and prevention and determine what dollars should actually be distributed through the main funding formula. Brent reported that two consultants are being considered and provided their resumes to the Board for their review and input as to their preference. He noted that both are highly qualified and are on existing contracts with the federal government to do consulting work for various states. He indicated that both resumes have been sent to</p> | <p>FYI.</p> |

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| Technical Assistance on Funding Formulas (continued) | the UBHN directors for their comments and feedback. He noted that the selected consultant will work with the State Division, State Board and the local authority directors in developing specific options for allocating funding, with the end product being specific recommendations presented to the Board for review and adoption. He emphasized that it is critical that a formula be developed that distributes funding fairly and equitably across the state. | The Board directed the Division to select the consultant of their choice and proceed with the next steps in addressing the funding formula. |
| USH Bed Allocation/History of Utilization | Ron Stromberg reported that as part of the Legislative Audit of the State Hospital, the auditors reviewed bed allocation and bed capacity at the Hospital. He indicated that one of the findings in the audit directed the Division to look at bed allocation and how beds are allocated and suggests using historical demand and usage for each center as a factor for allocating beds. Ron distributed and reviewed documents with the Board that reflected data and information relative to State Hospital bed allocation and capacity over a three-year period for adults and pediatrics. He also explained the process for how beds are allocated and utilized. Ron clarified that this agenda item is informational only and no action regarding bed allocation is needed by the Board at this time. | FYI. |
| Fees | Brent Kelsey reported that the recommended revisions made by the Board to the administrative rule governing fees were presented to the Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network (UBHN) Board at their recent meeting. It was noted that the UBHN Board voted unanimously in support of the Board's revisions as presented and reviewed. | Lou moved that the administrative rule on fees be approved as revised. Motion seconded by Nora B and approved unanimously. Mark noted that the rule will now be filed through the Department and will go out for public comment for a 30-day period. |
| Annual Report | Mark indicated that the Division is in the process of compiling the Annual Report for the past fiscal year. He noted that the page for Board members is being re-done with new pictures taken and updated information being gathered for each Board member. | Mark requested that Board members review their information below their pictures in the annual report and let Jan know of any updates. He also requested that if Board members have additional ideas for the new Annual Report to submit their feedback to the Division. |
| Upcoming Meeting Schedule | The Board meeting schedule for the remainder of the year was discussed. | The Board agreed on the following meeting schedule for the remainder of 2009: October 14 th , 1:00 pm, SLC, DHS Building November meeting canceled Tuesday, December 2 nd , 1:00 pm, DHS Building |
| Adjournment | | Lou moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Dr. Ashworth and approved unanimously. |